GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6157
ANSWERED ON:11.04.2017
Food Vendors and Hawkers
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received State/UT-wise details of food vendors and hawkers, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has identified the illegal establishments and taken any corrective course of action for the same;
(c) whether the Government has introduced any policy or legislation to protect their interests and promote their welfare, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for ensuring hygiene and quality of food sold by food vendors and hawkers, if so, the details thereof, if not, the alternative measures undertaken to protect the consumers health and to ensure maintenance of cleanliness?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : Under Section 31 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, no person can commence or carry on any food business except under a licence. However, petty food business operators , including vendors and hawkers, are only required to register themselves with the appropriate authorities.

As per the information provided by State Food Authorities, the number of licences issued and registration granted to food business operators, including food vendors and hawkers, by State Food Authorities is at Annexure-I.
(b) : The implementation and enforcement of provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 primarily rests with the State/ UT Governments. The issue of operation of food establishments by some FBOs without the mandatory licence /registration is pursued by FSSAI with the State Food Authorities at the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee as well as through periodic communications.

(c) & (d) : In order to protect the rights of urban street vendors and to regulate street vending activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has notified an Act namely "The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014". The Act came into force w.e.f. 01-05-2014. The implementation of provisions of the Act lies with the State/UT Government.

The Act provide for Rights and obligations of Street Vendors, which inter-alia makes it incumbent upon them to maintain cleanliness and public hygiene in the vending zone and the adjoining areas. The Act also provides for framing of a scheme by the State/UT Governments. The Scheme to be framed and notified by the State/UT Governments is also to include the provisions relating to terms and conditions for street vending including norms to be observed for upkeeping public health and hygiene.

FSSAI under Schedule 4 Part I A of (Licensing & Registration) FSS Regulations, 2011, has prescribed the Sanitary and Hygienic Requirements for Street Food Vendors and Units other than manufacturing /processing units. These requirements act as a guidance for food vendors and hawkers to ensure that the food sold is hygienic and of good quality.

BIS has also formulated an Indian Standard IS16066:2017 for Street Food Vendors − Food Safety Requirements in March, 2017 laying down control check points etc. for ensuring safe food to the consumers.

FSSAI has also undertaken training of Street Food Vendors at Delhi educating them about these requirements and is working with training partners for providing training for Food Supervisors and Food Handlers in various kinds of Food Businesses.

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ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6157 FOR 11.04.2017 REGARDING FOOD VENDORS AND HAWKERS.

REPORT ON LICENSING/ REGISTRATION in STATES/UTs

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Licenses Issued	No. of Registrations Issued
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	884	9637

2 Andhra Pradesh 31384 43204
3 Arunachal Pradesh 1806 7145
4 Assam 6212 4462
5 Bihar 10474 25522
6 Chandigarh 3707 1681
7 Chhattisgarh 11772 11332
8 Dadara& Nagar Haveli 908 2565
9 Daman & Diu 585 3902
10 Delhi 17050 57817
11 Goa 2998 22875
12 Gujarat 49384 112223
13 Haryana 8163 16435
14 Himachal Pradesh 8202 89535
15 Jammu & Kashmir 9459 82912
16 Jharkhand 5765 13881
17 Karnataka 100662 235621
18 Kerala 55488 164603
19 Lakshadweep 19 1752
20 Madhya Pradesh 38549 389885
21 Maharashtra 205688 691285
22 Manipur 864 5010
23 Meghalaya 1578 3108
24 Mizoram 584 3926
25 Nagaland 611 5383
26 Odisha 9179 13299
27 Puducherry 1523 3056
28 Punjab 18295 105290
29 Rajasthan 46,369 183606
30 Sikkim 1343 4510
31 Tamil Nadu 33415 156936
32 Telengana 15347 12694
33 Tripura 1161 3848
34 Uttarakhand 9052 67002
35 Uttar Pradesh 51,722 402072
36 West Bengal 25130 61428
Total 7,85,332 30,19,442
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